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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including February 5, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$120.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038, with a signature from an authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any

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